

COMMEMORATING THE ANAHEIM  
ANGELS, AMERICAN LEAGUE  
WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 28, 2005*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only as a Representative, but also as a longtime fan, to congratulate the American League Western Division Champions, the Anaheim Angels.

The Angels' victory was far from predicted and it all came down to game 5, where in a 5 to 3 victory, the Anaheim Angels beat the New York Yankees to become the American League Western Division Champions.

The Angels labored in the beginning, losing their star pitcher Bartolo Colon in the top of the second inning, but the Angels were not out. They rallied behind their relief pitching staff to win game 5, and the Division Championship.

This victory is a testament to the teamwork and abilities of the Anaheim players and I would like to congratulate them.

I must also congratulate and thank Angels' manager Mike Scioscia, coaches Bud Black, Orlando Mercado, Mickey Hatcher, Alfredo Griffin, Ron Roenicke, Joe Maddon and Steve Soliz and the entire Angels' staff.

A very special thanks goes to the Orange County fans who came out to cheer the Anaheim Angels to victory. They were instrumental in bringing the Western Division Championship to Anaheim.

Mr. Speaker, the Anaheim Angels had a great season and I join the residents of Anaheim looking forward to the next.

TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 26, 2005*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, along with all the constituents of the 11th Congressional District I mourn the death of Rosa Parks on October 24, 2005. From that band of anonymous great angels who always come forward to rescue America in times of great stress and decline Rosa Parks marched forth. She sat down in order to stand up for the basic rights of millions of oppressed African Americans. Outwardly she appeared to be a plain ordinary citizen but inside the small lady was a magnificent giant with great courage and tenacity. She was a spark plug who set the soul of Martin Luther King on fire. A blazing powerful movement was born from this union in Montgomery, Alabama. Rosa Parks became the mother of the Civil Rights Movement which changed America to make our Nation more like God and the constitution meant for it to be.

TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 26, 2005*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, civil disobedience is the foundation of our democracy. Rosa Parks showed us that it was our duty, not just our right, to demand equal treatment and equal opportunity.

When this Montgomery resident decided to remain seated and actively resist, she catapulted the civil rights movement into a new kind of decisive action.

Ms. Parks, working as a seamstress, initially became involved with the civil rights movement through her work as a secretary for the Montgomery branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Persons (NAACP). Her involvement heightened when she declined to give up her seat on a bus for a white man. In Ms. Parks' autobiography, *My Story*, she says that she was "tired of giving in" that day she decided not to give up her seat.

I am thankful that Ms. Parks was tired. She was tired of being treated as a second class citizen; tired of seeing her friends, family and fellow brothers and sisters being put upon by dogs and hoses; and most importantly, tired of being silenced in her own country.

It was due to her desire for social justice and her longing for equality that she chose to make a statement by refusing to rise. Her actions, along with those of many, awakened this Nation. It is because of their unwavering commitment to fighting against injustice and to realize the dream and vision of this nation's forefathers—that this country was forced to look at itself in the mirror and change what it saw.

Mr. Speaker, I am particularly aware of the contribution Ms. Parks' made by this act of civil disobedience. Rosa Park's actions were the spark. The spark that allowed the civil rights movement to progress and move forward under the leadership of a relatively unknown minister of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Up until that point, litigation was the primary method the civil rights movement employed, but Rosa Parks marked the beginning of a new strategy, one of civil disobedience. Bus boycotts, sit-ins, and freedom rides were just some of the tactics. While the Montgomery Bus Boycott was not the first boycott, it was the first to last as long as it did, over one year, resulting in a monumental court ruling and setting the civil rights movement on a new course.

Ms. Parks' landmark Supreme Court case resulted in the ruling that segregated bus service was unconstitutional, unconstitutional not just because segregation on transportation affected interstate commerce, but segregation was unconstitutional in itself.

After the boycott, non-violence became the central tenet of the movement as civil rights leaders organized at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with the goal of providing local leaders with the necessary tools to mount successful campaigns for justice.

It is because of the many sacrifices of people like Ms. Parks, the personal risks they took, that I, as an African American, can stand

before my fellow Americans as a United States Congressman. While we have made great strides in the past 50 years, yet there is still progress to be made. I want to thank all of those that are continuing the fight for justice and equality as they honor the legacy of Rosa Parks.

CONGRATULATING DICK EFLIN ON  
BEING INDUCTED INTO THE COLORADO  
SKI AND SNOWBOARD  
HALL OF FAME

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 28, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Dick Eflin on his induction into the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame for 2005. Mr. Eflin's accomplishments have greatly impacted the lives of Coloradans in Crested Butte for many years, and he deserves recognition for the many contributions he has made to this community.

After serving in Germany with the U.S. Air Force, Eflin visited Crested Butte, Colorado with the dream of creating a ski area that could rival the Alps both in beauty and skiing terrain. In 1960, he moved his family to Crested Butte and formed Crested Butte, Ltd. After applying for Forest Service permits and buying land, Eflin's dream of opening his own ski area became reality when Crested Butte Mountain opened on Thanksgiving Day 1961. Although the ski area started with a T-bar and a rope-tow, the next year it grew considerably with the installation of a 7,800-foot long gondola and a terminal building. Due to Mr. Eflin's unwavering determination and vision, Crested Butte was on the map as an up-and-coming ski area.

In addition to his work with Crested Butte, Mr. Eflin worked tirelessly in the local community where he served as President of the Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District, as well as participating in the Town Council. He started the first regional museum and also ran the Princess Movie Theater and the Eflin Steak House.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our gratitude to Mr. Eflin for contributing to his community in far-reaching ways. We recognize his accomplishments in making Crested Butte a great ski resort and a wonderful place to live. I'm proud to offer warm congratulations to Mr. Eflin on his well deserved honor in entering the Colorado Ski Museum's Hall of Fame and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF KENNETH W. ALLEN  
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**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 28, 2005*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a former Boy Scout to honor Kenneth W. Allen II, as he retires from 31 years as a professional with the Boy Scouts of America.

Ken served the Scouting effort in six Scout councils throughout California, including San